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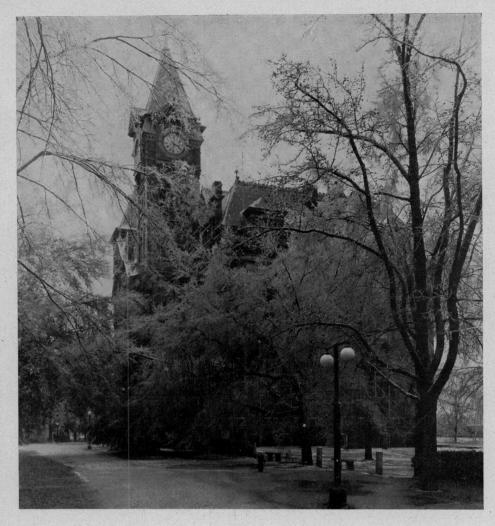
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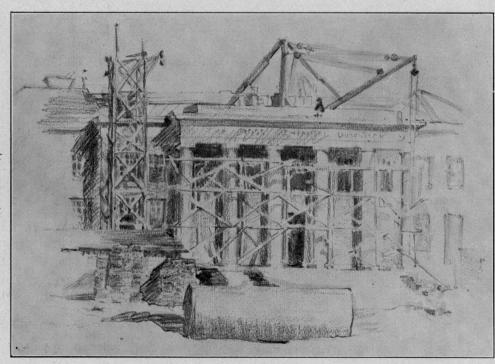
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Grees about newly christened Samford Hall glitter in sunlight after King Winter works his magic on deserted campus during holidays.

Professor Roy Staples' sketch of Ross Chemical Laboratory as it nears completion.



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Sound Investments In Greatness

MAN STRUGGLES endlessly against annihilation. Even in death he seeks be remembered. to

friends set up bronze figures of his body and inscribe metal tablets, white shafts of marble, and gray slabs of granite with tributes to his greatness, seeking thus to cut in the hard rock of time the name of one whom they loved.

And yet how much more fitting and enduring a memorial is one set among the living, a memorial which will become an active force for the education of young men and women, which will serve not only one generation, but generations

as yet unborn.

Hard-headed, clear-thinking bankers do not lend money without charging interest; business men do not make investments which fail to pay dividends; landlords do not offer their tenants rent-free houses. A piece of marble or bronze is coldly static; a building for the education of Alabama youth is an investment constantly yielding dividends not only to the people of this state but to the honor of the man who gives such a building.

world honors its The heroes and great men with medals and eulogies. And yet no medal has greater significance, no tribute more meaning than a scholarship fund on which the interest each year enables some deserving youngster to pursue

his education.

It has been objected now and then by unthinking men that a state-supported educational institution should

not seek such endowments and such gifts. Such an opinion arises from cloudy thinking. No school is more deserving of such endowments than a state institution, which serves no one minority, no one religious sect, no one specialized professional group, but which serves the people of the entire state and those others who wish to come here from other states for their education.

Many men spend a lifetime amassing a fortune. Embroiled in a financial struggle for supremacy, they forget old loyalties, among which is the one they owe their alma mater. Others more eager to benefit their fellows spend large sums in various philanthropies without thinking to include the school where they were educated. Still other men reared in the school of hard knocks are in sympathy with education and are interested in the growth of certain educational institutions, but do not think of assisting them with endowments. And yet any or all of these men may need only to be approached to consider giving such an institution a building, a substantial gift toward a building, a scholarship, or similar endowment.

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute recently entered upon a long-needed building program and expansion, a program which demands far more money than is available immediately. As an alumnus you are interested in the growth of

Auburn. It may be that even though you wish to do so, you cannot turn over to your alma mater a new building or a scholarship. But no doubt you know alumni or others who could do so and who need only a word from you to authorize such a gift. A single interview, a little "Auburn salesmanship," might result in a greatly needed investment in the education of Alabama youth, an investment which will continue to pay dividends to the honor of the donor for years to come.

ALUMNI OBJECTIVES

To promote good fellowship and common interest in the welfare of all Auburn men.

To locate and enlist the cooperation

of all former students.

To organize clubs everywhere sufficient numbers of men are located.

To secure the financial support of the organization.

To make the Alumni magazine an interesting and useful publication, dispensing information about the association, the alumni, and the college.

To keep full and accurate alumni records as to locations, occupations, achievements of Auburn men.

To answer promptly all letters re-ceived from the alumni giving every possible service and information desired.

To enlist efficiently organized support of the administration in encouraging worthy and ambitious young men from high schools each year to attend college.

To cooperate with and encourage in every way possible a hard-working, far-seeing President and an able corps of skilled and efficient professors.

"THE activity 1 among the Auburn's Mission In Auburn alumni to perfect their organ-Alabama ization throughout the State has for a definite objective the expansion in the enrollment at this State

institution. The Alabama Polytechnic Institute is supported by the taxpayers of Alabama. It deserves and should receive their moral support at all times, and is the place where they should send their children for technical training along the lines in which the institution is particularly strong.

"The best way to build this institution into its proper strength, influence, and service in this State is to patronize it, and the way to patronize it is to send your young men and women

there for their technical training.

'Alabama is on the eve of a new and more general expansion in its industries and resources. If the leaders in this (Continued on page 14)



"A KEEN DIAGNOSIS"

The extemporaneous address of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, before the National Interfraternity Conference at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, November 29, 1929, was a keen diagnosis of the "fraternity complex" in American colleges. There were many wholesome suggestions for the national officers, as well as the local campus chapters, alumni, and college administrators. The address might well be reposed in the hearts and minds of all people interested in the fraternity system .- J. M. Robinson, chairman faculty fraternity committee and head department of zoology-entomology, A. P. I.

Humorous aspect of mealtime in one of the Auburn fraternities.—Courtesy Opuscule, Omega Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Dr. Wilbur Psycho-analyzes "Fraternity Complex" in the Present Day American College

Secretary of Interior Believes Fraternities Must Run in Higher Gear to Keep Pace With Rapidly Changing Conditions in Modern University System. Four-Year Course Disappearing With Growth of Professional Schools. America Developed by Facing Adversity in Pioneer Periods—Thus Greek-Letter Groups

Can Rise from Mushroom Stage by Facing Real Problems of Today

N the first place, I want to point out one or two things about myself. My principal business is that of a physician. My principal pleasure as a physician was in diagnosis. I am not a fraternity man. I have watched the American fraternity just the way I have watched and studied and tried to diagnose other activities in college and university life. . . .

"Anyone who has administrative responsibility in the modern American educational institution has to face the fraternity question.

Story of the Fraternity

"Historically, as you well know, the fraternity grew up in the American college. It began as a group of men in the various living units who came together for various reasons and organized these chapters. Very likely the fraternity chapter would have gone along like many other things in life under very modest sail

if there had not been the great increase in the college and university student bodies that has taken place in the last three generations.

"That great expansion in students, taking place particularly in the state universities, although evident in almost all institutions, came at a time when preparation for the care of students and thought for the care of students was not a part of the college or university program to the degree that was necessary to care for them. So the housing problem which had been cared for in the small American college was neglected, the eating problem was neglected, and there grew up certain forces for the care of these problems.

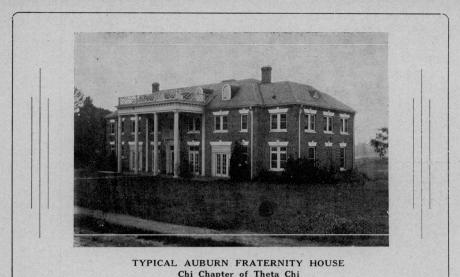
"One was the normal boarding house keeper of the American college town. You know her—some of you do—and you realize that she was not and is not an enormous success although she is strong politically

whenever you try to change the housing arrangements at the State Capitol.

"And then there grew up around the American college community the housing problem and a large part of this problem was absorbed and taken out of the hands of the university and college authorities by the fraternities.

If you look over the whole country you can see what a master job that was and how important it has been in our student groups. It is true that it has been done under handicaps, done without coordinative programs. A good deal of it has been rather amateurish. The financing of it has, for the most part, been almost childish. But these organizations have survived. They have improved. They have gone on in carrying on this great problem until they are established, and to dis-establish

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"Front to Front"

"We are trying in our American universities the program of bringing up young adolescents without too much association with adults. You know, there is some association with the faculty but it is front to front instead of side by side for the most part. And no people that I know of have tried that to the same degree that we have without curative measures of some sort.

"In European civilizations they have had compulsory military drill, so that if discipline fell down at home and elsewhere, it was sharp enough to correct any bad habits that might have been established in adolescence because during this period of forced management discipline was very strict.

"But we have tried with student self-government, with self-government in the fraternity and dormitory group, control of young adolescents, principally males—although there are a good many females involved in the same way—and the question we are all asking is how much of a success has it been and how long can it continue?

"As you remember, in the early days of the fraternity chapter they often had either a professor living with them or a house mother or some adult who was considered responsible and who would bring to the youth there some of the advantages or disadvantages that come from associating with adults. We hardly know which it is—an advantage or a disadvantage—as we hear it discussed.

Largely Self-Governing

"But whatever else you may think about it we will have to admit that

these units have in most instances been largely self-governing. alumni have tried to play a part in the disciplinary side of these organizations and if any of you who have tried that are still optimistic about it I think you will realize that these young people want to take care of themselves. They want to run their own property and student self-government has demonstrated that in the long run we get ahead better with them if we can set the right pace. get them to have the right ideals, and can capitalize on the idealism of youth in handling these self-government problems.

ALL of the time it is a temptation on the part of the administrator, the fraternity executive and the alumnus to probe into these groups, to do something to them and perhaps for them. Certain obvious defects show up. There is nothing better than a good fraternity and there is nothing worse than a bad fraternity, in the development of young men. And if you consider only the bad ones you think, 'Well,

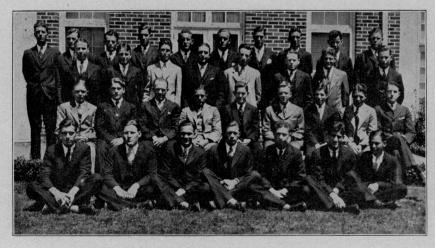
what in the world is the use?' vou think only of the good ones then you think you have made a great discovery that is necessary to save American youth. Like everything else there is a balanced position in connection with this problem. It is not one hundred per cent one way and zero the other at all and it differs at different times with different with institutions and different groups and with different local chapters, but by and large it has demonstrated a degree of self-capacity in management on the part of our youth that I think is most encouraging and most wholesome.

Gridsters Turn Chefs

"Who could run a boarding house on the uneconomic basis of the ordinary college fraternity and keep any boarders? You know that if there is anything that you can get in a row about it is the quality of food. And yet a fraternity will tolerate the best football player and the poorest business man in the fraternity running the kitchen for them. And if it is not too bad they survive and if it is too bad they correct it by eating outside more or less. In other words, there is something about the cohesive quality of the group that tolerates a great deal. I think it tolerates too much. It tolerates more than it should. There is no reason why they should not have better organization and management and better food and cleaner floors and all of that sort of thing. It all can be done.

"But we can't do it to them and make much of a success of it. They have to do it for themselves. You can develop the methods. You can show them how to keep books better. You can arrange buying organizations to make it cheaper for them. You can point out the man who can add in the fraternity instead of subtract as the man you want to send

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A TYPICAL GROUP OF AUBURN FRATERNITY MEN Beta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu, 1928-29

Auburn's Alumni President Awarded 1929 Cup for Outstanding Civic Service

In Work with the Boy Scouts and Community Chest of Anniston, General Noble Continues His Humanitarian Service Exhibited with Uncle Sam's Doughboys in France During the World War

EN. ROBERT E. NOBLE, '90, president of the Alumni Association, has been awarded the 1929 loving cup by the Anniston Star of Anniston, Ala., for unselfish civic service. General Noble, Boy Scout and Community Chest Worker, was the unanimous choice of the committee in charge of the selection of the citizen to receive the award.

The following announcement was made by the committee:

"The Anniston Star, Anniston, Alabama.

"The committee selected to award the Anniston Star cup met in the directors' room of the Anniston National Bank at 4:30 o'clock Friday, and unanimously awarded the loving cup to General Robert E. Noble, as being that citizen of Anniston, who during the last year has served his city most unselfishly, to the greatest good of the largest number of Annistonians.

"Yours very truly,
"F. C. MOOREFIELD,
Secretary."

The committee which selected General Noble was formed by Manning Christian, chairman, Rotary Club; Judge Hugh D. Merrill, Kiwanis Club; F. C. Moorefield, secretary Exchange Club; Judge J. B. Holman, Civitan Club; Mrs. L. G. Jones, Axis Club; T. T. Butler, United Chamber of Commerce, and George D. Wall, Central Labor Union.

Cups have been awarded previously to W. W. Stringfellow, W. H. Zinn, Rev. L. N. Claxton, Mrs. Cliffie Stoney, Mrs. Shaler Houser, C. H. Young, Judge C. S. Leyden, and C. A. Hamilton.

Life History Given

The following is an excerpt from Thomas Owen's Dictionary of Alabama Biography: "Robert Earnest Noble received his early education in Rome and Anniston, and graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, 1890, with the degree of M. S. He was assistant state chemist in Alabama, 1892; assistant state chemist in North Carolina one year; assistant state chemist and instructor in chemistry, Auburn, 1893-95.

"Mr. Noble entered Columbia



GEN. ROBT. E. NOBLE '90 President Alumni Association

University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1895 and graduated with the degree of M, D. in 1899. He was an interne at Randall's Island Hospital and Metropolitan Hospital for one year. He entered the U. S. Army as acting assistant surgeon, 1900, and was ordered to the Philippines with the rank of first lieutenant. He served at Fort Sheridan and graduated from the Army medical school at Washington in 1904.

"He served at the Presidio, San Francisco, Fort Casey, the Canal Zone and in Porto Rico with Colonel Gorgas as a member of the sanitary commission. He was a member of the commission sent to the Rand mines Transvaal, South Africa. to study the cause of pneumonia. He was at Vera Cruz in 1914 and on duty in the War Department at Washington from 1914 to 1918. He arrived in France October 25, 1918. and returned in August, 1919. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal and was made commander of the Legion of Honor by the French government in 1919.

"He is an Episcopalian, and member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He married Ella, daughter of Prof. Nathaniel Thomas and Ella Virginia (Allemong) Lupton at Auburn in 1905."

Recalls Service Among Wounded Doughboys

The humanitarian service of General Noble among Uncle Sam's sick and wounded doughboys of the World War is recalled by Lieut. Charles Dew who writes the following communication to the General's home town paper on the occasion of his being mentioned prominently for the Anniston 1929 loving cup award:

"At Bordeaux, France, January 8, 1919, the writer lay on a stretcher at one of the piers, Garonne River, waiting his turn to be transferred to a hospital ship bound for the U.S.A. Side by side in what seemed a neverending row of stretchers, feeble bodies were exultant that we were on the way to home and loved ones. We made a brave front for an invalid group but there was one man on the dock that day who knew how faintly the taper burned and how closely he guarded his boys. Gen. R. E. Noble, an Alabamian, was on hand. Many a heart swelled with pride as the General passed in and between the rows of stretchers dropping a word of cheer here and there, solicitous of our every comfort, and having his orderlies bring a cup of hot coffee to

"He didn't know who I was on that January day, 1919; but, God, how proud I was of that Alabamian! Anniston has done herself proud. There is no honor our State could bestow upon that man but what the radiance and glow from it would penetrate every household and shed a benediction upon its people.

"All honor to him and congratulations to Anniston."

DR. ROSS RECOVERS

Dr. B. B. Ross, state chemist and dean of the chemistry faculty at Auburn, made a rapid recovery at Hot Springs, Ark., where he went for a complete rest as a cure for a rundown physical condition which came as a result of extreme overwork.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross went to Hot Springs, December 19, and returned to Auburn late in January.

Auburn's Largest Glee Club Tours Alabama

RAVELING in two large busses, 1 53 Auburn singers comprising the largest Glee Club ever assembled at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute climax their winter tour of Alabama with an appearance in the auditorium of the Phillips High School at Birmingham, Feb. 14. Their concert itinerary includes: Alexander City High School, Alexander City, Feb. 10; Talladega High School, Talladega, Feb. 11; Anniston High School, Anniston, Feb. 12; Alabama College, Montevallo, Feb. 13, and Phillips High School, Birmingham, Feb. 14.

Professor Brigham Is Director

The club is directed by Prof. John W. Brigham, head of the Auburn music department, whose objective this year has been to produce a strong singing organization. Accompanying the club is Earl Hazel, one of the soloists of the program, brilliant young pianist and newly elected member of the Auburn music depart-

The program for the concert includes a wide variety of attractions. A male quartet, a comic opera burlesque of college life, college pep songs, and other features will be presented.

Opera Burlesque Presented

The opera burlesque is entitled

"Cleopatra" and was written by Professor Brigham. Both the male and female characters in the play will be



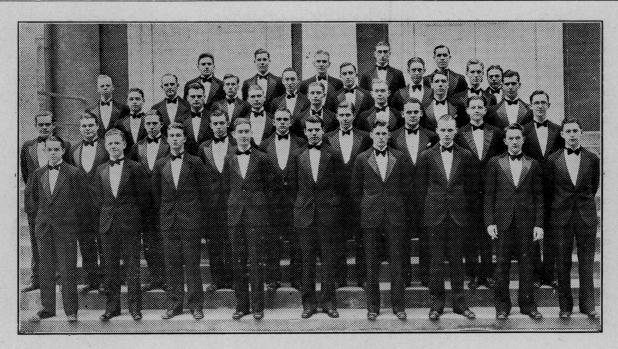
JOHN W. BRIGHAM Head of Department of Music

depicted by members of the club. Van D. Durrett, sophomore from Gordo, Alabama, will play the leading role of Cleopatra. Other characters in the play are William, a student,

lover of Cleopatra, alias the Ghost of King Tutankhamen by J. M. Jones of Roanoke; Antony, a college football hero, by Tull C. Allen of Oxford; Pompey, a campus sheik, in love with Cleopatra, by I. K. Roth of Jacksonville, Fla.; Caesar, an ex-athlete, in love with Cleopatra by Samuel Wade of Birmingham; and students, members of the club.

Music Department Sponsors Many Other Projects

THE GLEE CLUB is but one of I the many projects sponsored by the Auburn department of music. The purpose of the department is to enable students to begin or to continue their musical education while they are in college. Adequate work is offered in voice, piano, violin, and public school music to enable a student to minor in music while working for the B. S. degree in the School of Science and Literature. This work is also elective in other schools of the Furthermore, practical college. courses are offered in band, orchestra, and glee club, which enable a student to earn one hour of credit for three one-hour rehearsals week-Tryouts for these organizations are held during the second week of the fall semester.



TOURING ALABAMA

LEFT TO RIGHT—Front row: J. R. Farris, Van D. Durrett, Erle H. Foy, Barney M. Muse, Allen C. Tull, L. E. Owen, W. C. Ellis, J. Roberts, W. M. Keller. Second row: Bob Howard, I. K. Roth, Jesse M. Jones, Jr., J. S. Rogers, G. S. Christopher, S. K. Bernard, W. O. Predock, John H. Meagher, Bill H. McLaughlin. Third row: Howard Upchurch, W. W. Bryant, Jr., H. Y. Shaefer, B. Q. Scruggs, George Williamson, C. Bruce Gregory, J. E. Wood. Fourth row: R. E. Martin, L. W. James, H. E. Lewis, M. B. Dinsmore, V. L. Vines, W. D. Key, B. C. Matthews. Fifth row: E. C. Hazel, accompanist, I. W. Mann, Jr., Clarence B. LeCroy, Robert R. Martin, Jr., J. W. Brigham, director, Earnest Collier. INSERTS—Left, Professor J. W. Brigham, director; Right, Professor E. C. Hazel, accompanist.



PREXY'S PAGE

BRADFORD KNAPP, President



Athletics

HAD honestly hoped to be able to write a final statement on the coaching situation which would be satisfactory to everyone before this issue of the Alumnus went to print, but the editors tell me that it must go before I can finish my task. The task has not been an easy one, as I think most of you will fully appreciate. We have negotiated with one or two of the very best coaches in the United States. In one incident the man accepted another position and in another incident we found our man so deeply tied up with his contract where he is now that he could not get loose. We are proceeding as rapidly as we can with three or four very outstanding men, fully expecting before long to be able to close with a man who will meet the requirements here at Auburn. I have freely and frankly consulted with quite a large group of alumni whom we called in here for consultation and I know that they will testify that everything has been done openly and freely and earnestly for the good of Auburn. All I can say is that we are not discouraged in the least and expect to bring Auburn back to her old prestige one of these days.

Sometimes I wish I could pay my respects to reporters, but I expect it is best not to do it. It sometimes seems to me that the selection of a coach for Auburn attracts more attention than it ought to. I have tried to keep things out of the papers and have been thwarted in so doing by the keen rivalry of these fine sports writers. Some of them have gotten "news" so far in advance that they had it before I had it and it was wrong, but you could not convince them that it was. I have found that rumor can name coaches faster than anybody I ever saw. Lots of the material that has appeared in the papers has been quite similar to Uncle Joe Cannon's comment on a newspaper report: "Important, if true."

Nevertheless, taken by and large, these sports writers are a mighty keen, fine bunch and I know that after it is all over and we have settled down to hard work, they will forgive me for a lot of things I have thought about them and not expressed.

New Buildings

THE ROSS Chemical Laboratory is almost complete. We are installing the equipment and furniture and expecting to be having classes in it by the first of March. I believe it is the best building ever constructed at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the best equipment installed in a chemical laboratory in this section of the country. We are proud of it and we are going to have a house warming some of these days which will show to our students and the friends from the outside what a wonderful chemical laboratory we have.

The Animal Husbandry and Dairy Building is rapidly nearing completion. The roof is on and the interior construction is now progressing. The Dairy Barn has been finished. These will add very materially to the equipment in agriculture. Soon their equipment in these will be equally as good as that in the Chemical Laboratory for the purposes for which they are intended.

We opened bids the other day for four other buildings, every one of which is sorely needed. I want courageously and earnestly to say that I hope we can by some means complete these buildings. They are the Bibb Graves Administration Building, the Victor Hanson Auditorium, the Textile Engineering Building, and a shop building. They can be constructed for approximately \$700,-000.00. I have two or three plans for putting this over which I shall submit to the Board of Trustees next Saturday, February 22. We must not fail in this enterprise. This is a very low cost for these buildings. They must be built now.

Spirit

IN the meantime the student, body is "staying put" and showing the finest spirit of any group there is. I wish you members of the alumni knew just what these boys here at Auburn are thinking and doing. There

Our Graduates

CERTAIN very important group A of industrial and engineering companies sent a delegation here to Auburn the other day to select from the senior class a number of men to enter various activities represented by this group. I am reliably informed that they came here with the thought of selecting three or four seniors in electrical engineering. They examined forty-six men, and they are definitely offering places to sixteen men, thirteen of whom are trained in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering and three in business administration. A college is just like a business house. It is known by the goods it sells. quality of the Auburn graduate is the whole test.

Col. Charles J. Nelson, '97

GOOD many old graduates may remember Charles J. Nelson of the class of 1897 who is now a colonel of infantry in the United States Army where he has rendered distinguished service since entering the service of his country in 1899. Colonel Nelson is now commandant at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and writes me that he is going to come back to Auburn and have a visit for the first time since he entered the United States Army. In his letter he says, "The happiest days of my life were spent on your campus. I still love Auburn and never fail to boost my old college. We had a wonderful spirit there in my time and I know it still must be the same." I am hoping we will have Colonel Nelson here for commencement and that he will see something of the old spirit plus a lot of growth in old Auburn.

is a group of them now working on the problem of how to finance a stadium and that doesn't sound as though they were disheartened, does it?

With the Students on the Campus

AL KATZ'S KITTENS BLARE OUT JAZZ IN FUTURISTIC MID TERM HOPS' SETTING

When Al Katz and his Kittens made melody for the mid-term dances, January 23, it was amid all the glamour of a Broadway night club, for the decorations for the Junior Prom were modernistic to the "nth degree."

The barren gymnasium was transformed into futuristic palace—the expression of jazz. Suspended in the center was a crystal ball. The sides were bordered by a color-spangled band of impressionistic art. The orchestra pit directly across from the balcony, was back-grounded by a mural of the instruments most expressive of jazz.

Banquets, houseparties and other entertainments were given by various organizations of the campus. The dances were the outstanding social event of the year.

HONOR LEADING STUDENTS IN SPECIAL CONVOCATION

The Honors' Convocation called by Dr. Bradford Knapp for Dec. 17 was held for the purpose of recognizing the achievements of students in scholarship and college activities.

Honorary membership in the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity was conferred upon Profs. W. A. Hill and J. C. Grimes, New Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi members were presented and their accomplishments were enumerated. Rosser Alston, member of the LEADS JUNIOR PROM



MISS MAIBEN HIXON
Student at Alabama College, Montevallo

Blue Key Honor society, presented the college flag, given by Blue Key to the president.

Professor Fullan, the founder of the Auburn Band, was awarded a silver loving cup and a certificate of honor by J. D. Neely, president of the band.

Dr. Knapp presented the Omicron

Delta Kappa Cake Race cup to the Kappa Alpha fraternity team.

Presentation of numerals to twenty-one members of this year's freshman team was made at the Honors' Convocation.

The Auburn Rats played the Tulane first year team to a tie, after the Little Billow had defeated the Alabama freshmen. The Baby Tigers defeated the Florida, Birmingham-Southern, and Georgia Tech freshman teams. This is one of the best records that an Auburn first-year team has made in several seasons.

The men who received numerals are as follows:

Tom Brown, Tom Shackleford and Charles Bunkley, Montgomery, Alabama; Leonard Wagnon, Tuscumbia; Robert Arthur, Birmingham; Porter Grant, Dothan; D. T. Jones, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Lee Johnson, Langdale; Cary Senn and J. M. Bassett, Troy; W. D. Curlee and William Wood, Wetumpka; Kenneth Phipps, Greensboro; Jimmie Hitchcock, Union Springs; Ike Parker, Ozark; Henry Money, Ramer; Sam Mason, Tallassee; Herbert Miller, Somerville; Harris Primm, Jackson; Clyde Childers, Attalla; and T. D. Neal, Ensley; John Fonville, manager, Montgomery.

PICK ALL-FRAT CAGE TEAM

In a close contest in which but few votes were cast, the first all-fraternity basket ball team was chosen as fol-(Continued on page 14)



500 FRESHMEN RUN IN O. D. K. CAKE RACE

Marshal Caley of Marion Junction, diminutive Pi Kappa Phi distance runner is presented the prize cake by Miss Dabney Hare, sponsor. Caley outdistanced the field by 75 yards. At the right, the entire group of runners which gathered on the baseball field to start the 2.7 mile course on Dec. 13.

Recent Books You Might Enjoy

=By J. R. Rutland, '00, Head Professor of English=

Mr. Galsworthy Discovers Comedy in Post-War England

"A MODERN COMEDY," by John Galsworthy. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

N his earlier novels, "The Man of Property," "Fraternity," "The Patrician," and "The Freelands," Galsworthy comes to close grips with one of England's problems in the process of social change. "The Man of Property" presents the upper middle class with its soul, its mind, and its heart rooted in the idea of individual ownership. In "The Country House" he pictures the lower class. In "The Patrician" he shows the upper class, or the blood aristocracy, with its own peculiar class consciousness growing out of position and social prestige. "Fraternity" shows the futility of effort to break through the barrier of class. "The Freelands" (published during the World War) points out the sad consequences of the inability of the upper class to get the point of view of the lower classes.

British Class Consciousness

We Americans sometimes find it hard to understand British social literature because we do not have a well developed class consciousness. We lack this class consciousness because most of us belong to the middle class and we never come in contact with an upper class or a lower class. Our literature has but little to say of class; while with the British writers it is an ever present thing. If one is to read and enjoy Galsworthy he must keep this social class situation of England ever present in his mind.

Several of Mr. Galsworthy's earliest books dealt with the fortunes of a single English family, the Forsythes. These books have been published together under the significant title of "The Forsythe Saga." This collection satirizes and analyzes the property owning class, the stolid English conservatives, pictures their rigid rules of social and moral conduct and the desperate attempts of the younger generation to break away from this restraint. In other words it is a conflict between convention and the modern urge toward complete freedom. It begins with England as she was in the eighteen eighties and carries her forward to the Great War. A modern comedy like "The Forsythe Saga," is a collection of three

By DR. LEO GOSSER Associate Professor of English

full length novels. "The White Monkey," "The Silver Spoon," and "Swan Song," together with two interludes, "A Silent Wooing," and "Passers By" go to make it up. It carries on the old Saga and continues the history of the Forsythe family, from the War to 1926, when Soames, the central figure of the whole cycle, takes the ferry for eternity.

Why the Name?

"A Modern Comedy" seems rather a peculiar name to be applied to the collection. Mr. Galsworthy in a brief introduction explains why he happened to choose this title:

"In naming this second part of the 'Forsythe Chronicles,' a Modern Comedy the word 'Comedy' is stretched, perhaps, as far as the word 'Saga' was stretched to cover the first part. and yet, what but a comedic view can be taken, what but comedic significance gleaned, of so restive a period as that in which we have lived since the war? An Age which knows not what it wants, yet is intensely pre-occupied with getting it, must evoke a smile, if rather a sad one.

"To render the form and colours of an epoch is beyond the powers of any novelist, and very far beyond the powers of this novelist; but to try and express a little of its spirit was undoubtedly at the back of his mind in penning this trilogy. Like the Irishman's chicken, our Present runs about so fast that it cannot be summed up; it can at most be snap shotted while it hurries looking for its Future without notion, where, what, or when that future will be.

"The England of 1888, when the Forsythe Saga began, also had no future, for England then expected its Present to endure, and rode its bicycle in a sort of dream, disturbed only by two bogies—Mr. Gladstone and the Irish Members.

Like a Kitten After Its Tail

"The England of 1926—when the Modern Comedy closes—with one foot in the air and the other in a Morris Oxford, is going round and round like a kitten after its tail, muttering: 'If one could only see where one wants to stop.'

"Everything being now relative, there is no longer absolute dependence to be placed on God, Free, Trade, Marriage, Consuls, Coal, or Caste.

"Everything being now overcrowded, there is no place where anyone can stay for long, except the more depopulated countryside, admittedly too dull, and certainly too unprofitable to dwell in. Everyone, having been in and earthquake which lasted four years, has lost the habit of standing still."

By T. M. HART Instructor in English

"RIVER HOUSE," by Stark Young. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE interesting if not altogether original theme of father and son whose ideals clash, forms the subject of Stark Young's latest novel. In this book, as in the author's first novel, "Heaven Trees," the locale is Mississippi—here it is northern Mississippi; to be exact, the town of Le-Flore, which seems to be somewhere near Memphis, Tennessee.

The father, Major Hugh Dandridge, has all the qualities which one associates with the Old South; he takes ancestry as a very serious matter indeed; to women he accords courtesy that approximates reverence, and from them in return, he demands complete submission to his will, and a strict regard for the proprieties; he condones vices, but will not tolerate viciousness.

The son, John Dandridge, has been a student at Princeton for two years, and has worked in a bank in St. Louis for two years. He returns with a spirit of tolerance for the externals of Southern society, but with an uncompromising hatred of its ethical principles. With him is his bride, Evelyn Chenowith, of Memphis. John's family, especially his two maiden aunts, find her such a sweet girl that they excuse her modern manners, and even her violations of traditional Southern etiquette.

The immediate situation which illustrates the difference in horizons between father and son, and precipitates the conflict between them, is the return of the son of the Major's disinherited brother. This nephew

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ATHLETICS

By ELMER G. SALTER Sports Editor, A. P. I.



Tigers to Clash With Ten Strong Foes in 1930

THE 1930 football schedule includes seven conference games, and three against strong S. I. A. A. opposition. Spring Hill, Wofford, Mississippi A. & M. and the University of South Carolina are new opponents appearing on the schedule. The University of

Tennessee, Clemson and Howard are teams played last season which are not included in the 1930 schedule. It is the first time since 1922 that the Plainsmen have undertaken an attractive ten game schedule.

The 1930 campaign opens again with Birmingham-Southern in Montgomery. This game has been played during the past two years under the giant arc lights. date has not been definitely set, but will be Friday night, September 26 or Saturday afternoon, September 27.

The scene of the annual Auburn-Georgia game has been changed back to Columbus. Two games will be played in Memorial Stadium as the Plainsmen also meet the South Carolin Gamecocks on Thanksgiving in Columbus.

Georgia Tech will be met on October 18 instead of Thanksgiving as in the past 14 years.

The schedule follows:

Sept. 26 or 27-Birmingham-Southern at Montgomery.

Oct. 4-Spring Hill at Auburn.

Oct. 11-University of Florida at Jacksonville.

Oct. 18-Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

Oct. 25-University of Georgia at Columbus.

Nov. 1--Wofford at Auburn.

Nov. 8-Tulane at New Orleans.

Nov. 15-Mississippi A. & M. at Birmingham.

Nov. 22-Vanderbilt at Nashville.

Nov. 27-South Carolina at Columbus (Thanksgiving).

HARKINS CHOSEN CAPTAIN 1930 GRIDIRON TEAM

Following in the footsteps of his brother, Dunham "Red" Harkins has been elected captain of the 1930 football team. Harkins lives at Bessemer and is a brother to E. M. Harkins who captained the Tigers of 1925.



COACH LEE'S 1930 CAGESTERS

Front Row (Left to right): Pate, Capt. James, Stewart, Lawson, Jordan, and Lumpkin. Second Row: Manager Jones, Fulton, Aldridge, Vines and Hatfield

AUBURN SCHEDULES EIGHT S. C. QUINTS

Auburn's 1930 basket ball schedule. announced by Acting Head Coach John Floyd, includes games with eight Southern Conference teams. The Tigers will play Clemson, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Georgia, L. S. U., Tulane, and Georgia Tech in the order named.

The schedule follows:

Jan. 10-Clemson at Auburn.

Jan. 11-South Carolina at Auburn.

Jan. 24-Tennessee at Kncxville.

Jan. 25-Vanderbilt at Nashville.

Jan. 29-Georgia at Auburn.

Feb. 7 and 8-L. S. U. at Baton

Feb. 10 and 11-Tulane at New Orleans.

Feb. 17-Georgia Tech at Auburn.

Feb. 19-Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

Feb. 28 and March 1 and 3-S. C. tournament at Atlanta.

FRED SHERIDAN NAMED A. P. I. BASEBALL COACH

RED LESLIE SHERIDAN, former star Auburn baseball player, was appointed late in January by

> President Bradford Knapp as coach for the 1930 baseball team. Sheridan began immediately making plans for his first team at the Cornerstone. Practice has already started.

> Sheridan was selected on the mythical all-Southern team as pitcher while performing on the mound for the Plainsmen. He has played under practically every baseball coach that Auburn has had, serving under such wellknown tutors as Mike Donahue, Ned Cole, Dave Morey. He performed with Slick Moulton, pilot

of the 1928 championship team.

Upon graduating from Auburn, Sheridan signed with the Birmingham Barons in the Southern League. He was farmed out to the Southeastern League, later being recalled and sold to the Washington Senators. The Senators sent him to Newark, where he served under Walter Johnson until his health forced him to retire from baseball.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

14-Fort Benning at Auburn

March 15-Fort Benning, place undecided (pending)

March 20-B'ham Barons at B'ham.

March 28-29-Tulane at Auburn.

April 2-Montgomery Lions at Auburn

April 7-Montgomery Lions at Montgom-

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April 11-12—Georgia at Auburn.

April 16-17-Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

April 19-Lindale at Auburn.

April 16-17-Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

April 19-Lindale at Auburn.

April 24-25-26-Florida at Panama City.

May 2-3--Georgia at Athens. May 5-6—Clemson at Clemson

May 9-10-Mercer at Auburn. May 12-13-Howard at Auburn (pending).

May 15 .- Howard at B'ham (pending).

May 16-17-Vanderbilt at Nashville.

News From The Classes

1900

Leslie Murphy Hand, Demopolis, Ala., is practicing medicine in Demopolis.

Mabel Heard Pfliger gives her address as 276 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

1901

J. W. Bandy, 1117½ Sixth Ave., Gadsden, was recently in Auburn on a business trip.

L. Whorton, 607 South Twentieth St., Gadsden, Ala., is a manufacturing druggist of the Whorton Pharmaceutical Co. Mr. Whorton was in Auburn recently to see his son who is in school here.

Harvey Owen Sargent, 200 New Jersey Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., is federal agent for agricultural education. Mr. Sargent went to school at George Washington University, after leaving Auburn, and received an M. A. and Ph. D. degree.

Laurens Walter Pierce, 801 Trust Co., Ga. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., is a special agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. While at Auburn Mr. Pierce took part in athletics, making a letter in two sports, football and baseball.

1905

James Harrison Schuessler, Wadley, Ala., is a merchant. He is connected with the firm of Schuessler Bros.

L. W. Montgomery, First Avenue, Opelika, Ala., is a wholesale and retail dealer of gasoline.

1910

Talmage Coates Hughes, 340 Madison St., Detroit, Mich., is doing architectural work. Mr. Hughes received a B. S. in architecture in '10, and an M. S. in architecture in '11. After graduation at Auburn he studied one year at Columbia University.

1911

Eli Sims Shorter, Eufaula, Ala., is president of the Home Oil Co.

Otis Gilmer Clements, Wicomico Hotel, Salisbury, Md., is manager of the Wicomico Hotel.

E. W. Lumpkin, 201 Love St., Thomasville, Ga., is connected with the Thomasville Plant Co.

1913

Dee Granville Sullins, Griffin, Ga., owns and operates the Griffin Dairy & Ice Cream Co.

Samuel D. Haynie, Covington, Ga.,

TICK TICHENOR WEDS IN ATHENS HOSPITAL

Reynolds (Tick) Tichenor, famous Auburn quarterback and a well-known gridiron official in the Southern conference, was married, Oct. 12, in the Athens general hospital to Miss Ruth Babb of Atlanta.

Tichenor was taken to the Athens hospital following a breakdown during the Georgia-Furman game, Oct. 5, in which he officiated. He has recovered steadily.

Mrs. Tichenor was visiting in Mississippi with her mother, Mrs. James E. Babb, when news was received of Tichenor's illness and she went at once to Athens, remaining at his bedside. They decided to be married and the ceremoy was performed in the hospital by Dr. E. L. Hill, pastor of the Athens First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Hill was a student at the University of Alabama while Tichenor was at Auburn. He was the first person to visit the Southern conference official at the hospital, calling on Tichenor within an hour after the finish of the Georgia-Furman game.

The only persons to witness the marriage ceremony were John Welch, of Athens, and Tichenor's aunt, Mrs. Maude Reynolds McLure, mother of Tom McLure, captain of Auburn's championship football team of 1908.

is practicing veterinary medicine.

1916

Jones Madison, Greensboro, Ala., is in business. He is connected with the Clements Warehouse Co.

1918

Dr. James Otis Lisenby, ex-'18, Atmore, Ala., is practicing medicine in Atmore.

1919

John Bonard Wilson, 429 North Gay St., Auburn, Ala., is an extension agricultural engineer for the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

1920

Robert Presly Rebman, Sheffield,

Ala., is assistant cashier of the Sheffield National Bank.

Grady Oscar Segrest, Merchants National Bank Bldg., Mobile, Ala., is practicing medicine. After completing a pre-medical course at Auburn, he went to the University of Alabama and obtained a B. S. degree. He received his M. D. in 1924 from Emory University.

Adam Olin Riser gives his address as Siluria, Ala.

John Thomas Frazer, Opelika, Ala., is clerk of the Probate Court.

Samuel Gideon Garner, Tennessee Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tenn., is an associate professor of education in the Middle Tennessee State Teachers College. As well as having a degree from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Garner has a degree from the University of Alabama and one from Peabody College.

1921

Joe Morris Acker, 411 South Second St., Gadsden, Ala., is manager of the Beaumont Coca-Cola Bottling Co., of Beaumont, Texas.

John Francis Cooper, Experiment Station, Gainesville, Fla., is connected with the experiment station and the agricultural extension division of the University of Florida.

Francis Lauren Crocker gives his address as 225 Lincoln Life Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Geo. E. Johnston, Albany, Ga., is operator of the Johnston Harper Service Station.

Grover W. Ray, Ozark, Ala., is county agent of Dale County.

William Len Riley, 1320 Carmen Ave., Chicago, Ill., is a musician.

Edgar Franklin Sanborn, gives his address as 1118 E. 51st St., Savannah, Ga.

Oliver W. Neil gives his address as Bearden, Ark.

Herbert Bernard Barks, Chattanooga, Tenn., is headmaster of the Baylor School in Chattanooga.

Edward Fletcher Darby, 4503 Ave. E., Birmingham, Ala., is a draftsman for the Continental Gin Co.

1922

David Lanier McDavid is construction foreman for the Dixie Construction Co.

C. S. Keller, Hamilton, Ala., is in extension work as county agent of Marion County.

1923

Felix Persons Thigpen, Auburn, Ala., is assistant project engineer for the Florida State Road Department. He has been with this department for the last four years.

1926

Theodore R. Adkins, 801 Smith-Young Tower, San Antonio, Texas, is connected with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Chalmers Arthur Hyatt, Hackleburg, Ala., is teaching vocational agriculture.

Robert H. Arnall gives his address as 131 Wellington St., Atlanta, Ga. Joe Martin Spencer gives his address as 3323 Ave. E, Ensley, Ala.

A. C. Allen, Cromwell, Ala., visited Auburn recently. He was representing the Mobile Importing & Trading Co.

1929

Wilbur T. Edwards, Jr., 3472 Altamont Road, Birmingham, Ala., is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. He is located at Jacksonville, Fla., at present.

J. G. Greene, 2309 Ave. E, South, Birmingham, Ala., is working with the Carmichael Tile Co.

Walter Martin Garrard, 1608 So. Cullom St., Birmingham, Ala., is working with the General Electric Co. and is located at present in Schenectady, N. Y.

Henry T. Drane, 541 Chickasaw St., Brookhaven, Miss., is connected with the Phoenix Utility Co.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN FOSTER RUTLEDGE

John Foster Rutledge died Oct. 24, 1929, in Demopolis, Ala. Rutledge was born May 3, 1857, at Auburn, Ala. He was a lineal descendant of John and Edward Rutledge, who were of Revolutionary fame. He and his brothers attended the old A. & M. College, later the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. His brothers graduated, but he left school in '78 before receiving a degree. In 1913 at his class homecoming when he, with four sons (all but one having graduated from Auburn) marched into the exercises, he was presented with a certificate making him an honorary alumnus.

Mr. Rutledge married Martha Pope Bickerstaff of Columbus, Ga., Feb. 26, 1880. To them were born four sons and five daughters. Two daughters, Mary Rutledge, of Demopolis, Ala., Mrs. James M. White, of Norfolk, Va., four sons, Dr. W. S. Rutledge, '00, Rushton, La., Dr. C. P. Rutledge, '03, Shreveport, La., Frank B. Rutledge, '07, of Demopolis, Ala., J. E. Rutledge, Demopolis, Ala., and Mr. Rutledge's wife survive him.

Mr. Rutledge lived in Lee County and Auburn all of his married life except the last nine years, which were spent in Demopolis, Ala.

V. R. EMRICK

V. R. Emrick, '04, died recently in Dayton, Ohio. He was an electrical engineer for the Florida East Coast Railroad. Mr. Emerick's son is attending Auburn at present.

WEDDINGS

LOCKE-PAYNE

T. C. Locke, '10, and Mrs. Marion B. Payne were married September 2, at Wadhams, N. Y. They spent their honeymoon in upper New York, around Lake Champlain, and in Canada.

Mr. Locke was a football, basketball, and baseball player while at Auburn. He made a letter in the three sports for three years.

His present address is Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

FIVE BROTHERS AND NEPHEW VISIT AUBURN

E. C. Haynie, '03, Anniston, Ala.; E. A. Haynie, '09, Gainesville, Fla.; S. D. Haynie, '11, Covington, Ga.; F. H. Haynie, '14, Anniston, Ala.; who are all brothers; and J. D. Haynie, '14, Fairfield, Ala., who is a nephew of the brothers, all visited recently in Auburn and met many of their friends.

WEST-REDDING

Mr. Robert F. Redding, '19, Cornell University, '20, and Miss Margaret Chloe West were married Friday, Dec. 6, 1929, at the home of the bride's sister at Shawmut, Ala. The bride is the youngest daughter of Joseph A. West, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families in Georgia and South Carolina. The groom is the son of Arthur Redding, '94, a famous football star. Mr. and Mrs. Redding are making their home in Richmond, Virginia, where Mr. Redding is affiliated with the firm of F. W. LaFrantz & Co.

CHILDS-LARDENT

Centering the cordial interest of hosts of friends throughout the Southeast, is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Lillian Dorothy Childs to Charles Lewis Lardent, '25, of Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Childs is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston B. Childs, her maternal grandparents being Mrs. Dora A. Blakely and the late J.

J. Blakely, of Columbus, Ga., and Opelika, Ala. Her paternal grand-parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Childs, widely known figures throughout Georgia and South Carolina

Possessing unusual individuality, unaffected charm and graciousness of manner, Miss Childs has made herself popular with hosts of friends in Atlanta and Birmingham. She is a talented musician and for the last few years has been prominently identified with the West End Baptist Church in Sunday School work.

Mr. Lardent is the only son of Mrs. Charles Lardent, both of Birmingham. He is a graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, specializing in electrical engineering. He resided in Selma, Ala., prior to his graduation, and is now prominently connected with the Birmingham Electric Company.

The marriage of this popular young couple is anticipated with a great deal of interest, the date of the wedding to be announced later.

ALUMNUS SEES GREAT DAM CONSTRUCTED IN INDIA

The Madras Government in India is constructing a tremendous concrete dam across the Cauvery River which will be considerably larger than the Wilson Dam at Muscle Shoals in Alabama, according to word received from an Auburn alumnus, S. G. Forbes, '00, who is chief electrical engineer for the Government of Mysore at Bangalore, India.

The dam, known as the Cauvery Metur Project, has a length at the crest of 5,400 feet, a height from bottom of foundations to top of dam of 231 ft., a width at bottom of foundations of 174.15 ft. and will contain 1,814,814 C. yds. (48,999,978 C. ft.) of concrete exclusive of spillways and other subsidiary works at the dam. According to information printed in the Alumnus in May, 1928, from a thesis of R. D. Dean, M. E., '28, on the nitrate plant No. 2 and the Wilson Dam, the Wilson Dam has a total length of 4,600 ft., height overall 117 ft., width at bed rock 101 ft., and when completed will contain a total amount of concrete of 1,291,-395 C. yds. (44,867,565 C. ft.)

YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS

The alumni office wants the correct address of every Auburn man. When your address is changed, kindly drop us a card. Otherwise, we can only continue sending mail from the college to your old location.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MILLER

Tributes to Dr. Emerson R. Miller, Auburn professor of chemistry who recently died unexpectedly, are contained in the following letter and resolution just received by Dr. Bradford Knapp, president Alabama Polytechnic Institute:

Birmingham, Ala. President Bradford Knapp, Alabama Polytechnic Institute,

Auburn, Alabama. Dear Dr. Knapp:

I enclose copy of a resolution adopted by the Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society.

I would like to add a personal word of tribute to Dr. Miller. It was my privilege to know him for a period of some six years as a member of both the Alabama Academy of Science and the American Chemical Society. In both organizations he was admired for the quality of his scientific achievements and respected for the quiet dignity of his personality. I speak advisedly when I say Alabama has lost one of her moving spirits in the field of pure science.

Your sincerely, JOHN R. SAMPEY, Department of Chemistry.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALABAMA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God in His Wisdom, to call from his earthly associates Emerson R. Miller for these years a loyal and faithful advocate of every good work; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society extend to his devoted family and to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute its sincere sympathy. Be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be made a part of the permanent record of the Proceedings of this Society, and that a transcript thereof be presented to the bereaved family and to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

December 7, 1929.
J. R. SAMPEY,
C. S. WHITLET,
Resolution Committee.

THINK IT OVER, OLD GRADS

(Continued from page 3) new development are to be the citizens of Alabama, then the budding citizens must be trained to perform the important acts in this great work of building a state on the foundation of its own natural resources and opportunities.

"This state is going to grow and people are going to come in from the outside to help it grow. In order that the intelligent youth of Alabama may be able to hold their own in this competition for important place in this process, it will be necessary for them to have the specialized training that will fit them best for the leading roles.

"The people of Alabama have a goodly stake in the Auburn institution and they expect to add to it from time to time. It is a good investment, paying dividends for every

graduate who comes out properly equipped for some special task and finds that task in Alabama. The more of these trained citizens we can turn out from Auburn, the greater will be the program of constructive development in the State."—Alabama Journal.

"RIVER HOUSE"

(Continued from page 10) claims a portion of the estate. John is for giving him what he thinks is the boy's rightful share, and the Major is indignant. They quarrel, and are equally stubborn. The father persuades Evelyn to coax her husband, which she does, successfully, but regrets the part she has played, and releases John from the promise she has extracted from him. It develops that John's mother, the Major's banished wife, who has recently died, had in the old days, been in love with the disinherited brother. She had interceded with the Major in his behalf so insistently that their separation followed. So, now when the old quarrel is renewed as between father and son, the Major recognizes that John is only carrying on his mother's quarrel. It is pain which this realization occasions him that his stubbornness is due; the culmination of the afair is that John returns

The chief merit of the book is the felicity with which the author portrays the society of that portion of the aristocratic South which clings to the traditions of the past. The two maiden aunts, Cousin Tom, whose enthusiasm is the Civil War as a fulfillment of the prophecies in the Book of Revelation, Bahram Bobo, who likes horses, and many others are quite authentic—even to their anecdotes.

to St. Louis.

By DR. LEO GOSSER
Associate Professor of English
"ZERO HOUR," by Georg Grabenhorst.

Little, Brown, and Company.

HERE we have another war novel. Its author, Georg Grabenhorst, comes from a north-German family living near Hannover, his birthplace. He was born in 1899. About the middle of the World War he joined the Marine infantry as an officer candidate and saw service on the Flanders Front. A trench fell in on him, causing his eyesight to be affected. Despite his eye trouble he returned to the universities of Kiil and Masburg where he got his doctor's degree. He is now primarily a man of letters.

"Zero Hour" is similar to the recent popular book "In Western Night Neuen (translated as "All Quiet on the Western Front"). In the latter we get the war as seen through the eyes of the private; in the former we see it through the eyes of an eighteen-year-old boy from a good family. Despite the fact that he was an officer, the tragedy of war and its horror came home to him constantly. The book is of course largely biographical, the writer assuming the name of Volkesborn.

Those who wish a plain, unbiased picture of the reaction of an intellectual young man to the World War will do well to read "Zero Hour."

STUDENT PAGE

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lows: Freeman Barnes, S. A. E., and
Roy Pate, Pi K. A., forwards; Joe
Anderson, S. A. E., center; H. B.
Law, T. O. X., and Herbert Miller,
A. G. R., guards.

In the race for forwards, Barnes and Pate tied for first place, with Kuykendall and Aldridge running but a few votes behind them. Anderson and Stewart were engaged in a close fight for center, the former winning by a narrow margin. The positions of guard were more heatedly contested, as Lawson, Miller and Smith all received an almost even division of votes.

ALPHA PHI EPSILON INITIATES 11 PLEDGES

Eleven members of the junior and senior classes were initiated into the Alpha Phi Epsilon fraternity, a national forensic organization, Jan. 9. A formal banquet was held immediately after the initiation took place. Those becoming members of the fraternity are W. B. Story, P. H. Alsobrook, Rosa Pate, Audrey Fuller, A. V. Blankenship, H. V. Overton, Victor Savage, A. M. Pearson, Clyde Kimbrough, Margaret Lawrenz and Clarence LeCroy.

Alphi Phi Epsilon is a national honorary fraternity organized for the purpose of furthering interest in literary society work in college throughout the country and fostering intercollegiate literary contests. Membership is based on enthusiastic literary work, good character, and participation in other worthy college activities. Two elections are held each year at which eligible members from any of the three upper classes may be elected.

BUILD SHOOTING GALLERY

That the building materials from the recently demolished freshman chemistry laboratory will be used in the construction, near the military barns, of a shooting gallery to be used by the military department, has been announced by S. W. Garrett, business manager of the college.

Mr. Garrett also stated that the freshman laboratory in the new

chemistry building will be ready for use at the beginning of the second semester. The office building of the chemistry department will be demolished soon.

The chemistry laboratory which has been used by freshmen for several years was erected as a canteen for the military department during the war. The students were members of the S. A. T. C., a branch of the army, at that time. After the war, the building was equipped to be used as a laboratory for freshmen and had been in use until it was torn down a short time ago.

NEW POSTOFFICE IN SIGHT AS HOUSE PASSES ON BILL

The town of Auburn and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute are one step nearer a government building for a postoffice. Telegrams received by Dr. Bradford Knapp and L. N. Duncan from Congressman H. B. Steagall state that the building ap propriation bill carrying an appropriation for a postoffice building at Auburn passed the house, and that the Senate is expected to approve it.

For several years Auburn has been conducting a systematic fight for a postoffice building. Several months ago President Bradford Knapp, Dr. B. B. Ross, Professor Duncan, and others made a special trip to Washington with this in view. Congressman Steagall and Senators Heflin and Black have cooperated, and it was through them that the Auburn appropriation was added to the bill.

FRATERNITY DIAGNOSIS

(Continued from page 5) out the bills. You can do a lot of these things and be helpful. But in the long run the very fact that the group is set up means that it must work out for its self some kind of self-government and self-management, and all we can do is to stand on the outside and be as helpful as we can in trying to see that process worked out.

"Now, it is not worth while to point out the defects in any youthful organization. They are learning. Naturally they make mistakes. They make group mistakes. As you well know, there is no one with more enthusiasm and more respect for his own intellectual operations than the college sophomore. And he has a large part to play in the decisions in the fraternities. He has just reached the period when his vote counts and his choices count and being left to himself he would undoubtedly destroy the fraternity system because he has so ill-balanced a point of view.

Soph Can't Rule the Roost

"But there are checks and balances on him so that he does not become predominant. And even in the thing that I consider most important and the thing that is often done rather badly—the choice of new members -the sophomore does not decide it all. There are older heads at work and consequently while you are running in many instances a boarding house and a rooming house and developing an economic system, you are choosing permanent boarders and choosing them in a way that perhaps can be criticized, but for some reason it works to a remarkable degree. as I have just indicated. There is something about the ideal that survives.

"Now let's look ahead for a minute. What is the future going to be of the American fraternity in the future American university? If the population figures are right and if our educational curve continues to rise there are going to be not only hundreds of thousands of boys and girls in high schools but many thousands in junior colleges within ten years.

A. B. Degree Fading Out

"The American college as such is on the wane. The old four-year course has served its term. It is dropping out of the picture. The American university has added to it its professional schools, so that the A. B. degree is something you get in passing before going into business, into engineering, medicine, law political life, anything that requires, as democracy now requires, a superiority. So the old A. B. degree is going to pass from the pictures with its four year course, its sharp class organizations and that sort of thing.

"And two things are happening:
"Certain American colleges are becoming universities, and they are the
great American universities. Some
of the American colleges are becoming junior colleges trying to cover
that period and cover it well, wondering just what shall be done to
mark that period. And a certain
number of American colleges will
fasten in for the four-year period
and do such a good job in some chosen field, in some chosen spot, that
they will go on for a considerable
period of time.

"But if what I say is true—and I think it is—the American college fraternity with its four classes must meet the fact that in the great universities a considerable student population is coming in with the beginning of the junior year.

"At the University of California

last year one-third as many students came in with the beginning of the junior year as came in as freshmen, and the number is constantly growing. At Stanford we take in only 350 freshmen or sophomore men—that is, lower division students—and our growth is taking place at the top.

Frats Must Face Change

"And whether you like it or not, whether you insist on having the old American college because you had it or not, that thing is coming and the American college fraternity has to meet it. It will have to visualize itself in a somewhat different way if it is going to serve those students who come in with the beginning of the socalled junior year, who propose to spend four years in order to get into the school of business, five or six years to become doctors of medicine, four or five years to go into law, and so on. The men who are going to be the men of America, because they are the men who really want training and want to go on, are not going to be satisfied with the old college training. That day is played out. America is going to look for its leaders in those who want to go further and if the college fraternity is to serve its particular purpose it must serve that group and it must be attractive to that group.

"It has been interesting to the student in this four years of college to have fraternities, to go through a cycle of anticipation and realization, and then satisfaction again, and then to drop out more or less from his college chapter when he went on into the professional school. In the long run something must happen to the American college fraternity that will make it more real if it is going to attract young men from twenty to twenty-four. They are by the adolescent term. They are men. They want reality. They like to go to football games. They like to bang around more or less. But they want to do something worthwhile. must put reality into the American college fraternity more than it is there today.

On the Right Track

"You are striving all the time for better scholarship and that kind of thing. That is on the right track. Because in the long run those men who study, who work and who are interested, are the ones who are going ahead, and if those men want to do with the left hand some things in the college and university community they will do them and do them readily and they will keep that balance that a man must keep as he goes out into

the world to be a good lawyer and a good citizen. He has to do his legal work well, before he can be a good citizen. If he can acquire then some margins to serve the community that is the thing for him to do, and the better ones will.

"And so that kind of a balance, it seems to me, must come into these American college chapters.

"In other words, you must be seasoned. You must develop. You must go on to a higher level and you must keep in your organizations those values that have attracted the loyalty and the interest of the young adolescent. It can be done. Loyalties of the youth are the firm loyalties that hold.

Need Human Dignity

"But you are not going to do it unless you are able to bring into these self-governing groups a little higher appreciation of human dignity. In the long run people will not continue to do a thing that is not wholesome and pleasant unless they are of a certain type, and little can be done for them. There has been a little tendency, with slapstick methods of initiation and driving the house mother out of the fraternity and keeping adults out, to bring in rather unwholesome conversation at the table and to give a man a little feeling of contamination from his group instead of satisfaction. And you can't expect, if you disturb the individual human dignity of the best young men in America, to make them like and want the things that your organizations offer.

"You are working toward that. It is in the mind of such men as your officers here all of the time, to bring that about. How can you do it? How can you get the job better done by those who must do it? Because, you can't do it for them. They must do it themselves.

"I don't know all of the means employed, but I do know that the effect upon our student groups of some of the things that you have done is most wholesome. And when the right man with the right standards comes into the fraternity, either as an alumnus or as a national fraternity officer, he can lift the thing up. If you can study out from your own charts where the fraternities are going to go in the development of the American democracy, if you can get by the more or less amateurish stage of management so that men as they go into professional work will not turn their backs on the fraternity houses, as many of them are inclined to do, if you can hold in the fraternity house those wholesome

conditions that make people want to go to a place and thoroughly enjoy it when they are at their best instead of at their worst, then I think you can go right ahead serving this great democracy.

Facts, Not Opinions

"When all is said and done this is the age of science and democracy. We are making our advances through science. The work of the laboratory, capitalized and built up in the factory and by industry, has made our great civilization possible. Alongside of those great developments we have carried forward the idea of a majority decision as the basis of our democracy. It is not going to be safe to build up our civilization on science unless men can grow intellectually along with the growth of science, for science goes by the facts and if the votes in the majority should be by opinions we can wreck our whole structure.

"Take, for instance, this electric light here. We will say that a dominant party in a community decides that it will not have a vacuum anywhere and particularly not in electric light globes, and they vote it through. The result is they get no electric light. They can all vote alike, they can settle it at the polls, but they can't get that idea over to the electric current.

"And that is what we face all the way through in our democracy. The expert has to tell us what to do. We can't decide it by majority vote. We can pick out our experts and pick out our leaders.

"If the college fraternity is to make good it must make good because it gets in harmony with the essential facts of associated life, of adolescence and young manhood. If you don't find out what those facts are and harmonize what you are doing, as our democracy goes forward, you will lose step.

Shift Into High Gear

"I think you can do it but you can do it only by going into a little higher gear than you are in today in many places. You will have to think in somewhat bigger terms, in a little longer period of fraternity life, in a little more secure position economically for the fraternity house, so that it will not be too much of a burden on the individual members. The men who get ahead the fartherest—as Mr. Warner said today in connection with the Stanford football team—the best men are those who have come up from the groups and have fought adversity on the way up and have learned to win out. That is the way we make men. America's advance in

economic status has given us too many youths who have never faced hardship at all. That is one reason why our football teams are made up of boys who for the most part have had to work their way through. They hit adversity in their teens and they learned to conquer and they are willing to go right on to the football fields in the same spirit. We have dozens of men on the Stanford campus with just as good physiques, just as good bodies, apparently just as good brains, as the men on the football squad. But it never even occurs to them that they can go out and face the bumps and become members of that squad.

"Yet, America made itself by facing adversity through its pioneer periods and by accepting the leadership over adversity. So the fraternity can well face a little adversity. It has been a little soft for the fraternities. They have multiplied in numbers. They have spread with these student groups. They have grown rather like mushrooms in many places, often without enough adversity to meet the solid facts of life.

Not So Soft Now

"Now think you are up against some real problems with these changes and that you can well study them, well guide these young men who are so loyal and so interested in their chapters, and you can get the support and the help of the university and college administrators in the constructive things that you are trying to do.

"You know, there is one peculiarity about the ordinary fraternity group in a college. They are rather fearful. At anything that sounds like criticism from an administrator they draw in under the shell from all sides and begin a form of internal combustion. That isn't the way to meet criticism, consuming your own gas does not really get you very far. When university men criticize the things that are being done in fraternities or other college groups or when deans do so, there must be some reason for it. Go out and meet those reasons. Don't throw a shell of excuse around yourself. You have nothing to be concerned about in the future of the American college fraternity if it will continue to render such a service as it has. But if you fail to see what is going on, then you may find that you are out of step, and it would be a calamity to have the whole college fraternity group get out of step with the advance of higher education, working toward the best that there is in our democracy in this particular period, in this particular generation."

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